

PGSA Committee Meeting  
19 November 2013

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chair: Bob Niffenegger  
treasurer: Jacques Pienaar  
secretary: Antoine Martin

attendants:

Reza Afra  
Rich Brosius (PGSG senator)  
Kate Davis  
David Garand  
Andy Hesselbrock (community building)  
Antoine Martin (secretary)  
Bob Niffenegger (president)  
Kelsie Niffenegger (teaching & professional development)  
Jacques Pienaar (treasurer)  
Valentyn Stadnytskyi (seminar series)

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Minutes:

- 17:55 – general conversation regarding the Thanksgiving potluck, complaints about lack of vegetables

18:00 – meeting begins

- 18:01 – Jacques will send a reminder email to the grad students about the potluck.
- 18:02 – PGSA should send more emails to non-PGSA members to confirm some of the other physics grad students' suspicion that PGSA still does, in fact, exist.

18:03 – Purdue University Physics Apparel (Kate)

- We have to pay \$50 upfront before ordering. It will be deducted from the total.
- There are stylistic restrictions on how *Purdue* can appear on shirts.
- questions:
  - Should there be different colors?
  - How should the word *physics* appear?
  - Which type of T-shirt should we order?
- The committee votes to order the higher quality sweaters.
- Receiving the shirts and sweaters takes nine days after ordering.
- youth shirts
  - Should there be youth shirts for children of people in the department?

- Should youth shirts be sold for less, as much as or more than they cost, given there will be very few and PGSA can afford to lose a few dollars?
- final decisions:
  - Order nicer T-shirts.
  - Order youth shirts separately.
  - Order the nicer hoodies and sell them for \$27.
  - colors:
    - gray T-shirts
    - black hoodies
- We should hand people order forms personally to increase the chance that they will pay any attention to this apparel sale.
- Cash payments are preferable, but checks are acceptable.
- Bob will email the committee the different colored possible designs.
- The committee casually votes to make somewhat official all above decisions.

18:27 – Funding

- PGSA continues its quest for money.

18:29 – Grad Seminar Series (Valentyn)

- Chetan Sood is to give the next grad seminar.
- Cyrus Vandrevala can give a talk the second or third week of Spring 2014.
- Kate Davis will give a talk toward the middle or end of Spring 2014.
- There is a desperate need for more students to give talks to keep the Grad Seminar Series alive. Perhaps, we can request that professors urge their students to speak.

18:33 – PGSG (Rich)

- PGSG just passed student legal services; it now extends to graduate students.

18:35 – Grad Tea & Coffee (Valentyn)

- As with the Grad Seminar Series, we desperately need volunteers.
- All who volunteer to set up should also make sure that all is cleaned up at the end.

18:38 – Diversity Committee (David)

- “Diversity” proposal was rejected, so we should all review it to investigate why.

18:40 – Meeting ends.

40 minutes

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